

Eastern Canal; Roott Penstock
Lowell, Massachusetts
Middlesex County

HAER No. 7B

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EASTERN CANAL: BOOTT PENSTOCK

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DATE: 1906

LOCATION: Fifty feet below the Boott Dam, between the Eastern and Merrimack Canals, Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals, Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: The existing penstock is fifth in a succession of channels conveying water from the Eastern Canal to the Merrimack Canal. The first of the penstocks was probably built about 1835, at the same time as the Boott Mills and the original Boott Dam. Researchers are referred to MA-1, Lowell Canal System for additional information.

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